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Copy of letter dated 2nd March 1938 from Mr. A.P.Pattani Bhavanagar to H.H.the Yuvaraja of Mysore. 54(2)

Your Highness,

First the Princely telegram and now Your Highness's kind letter have come to condole me in my great sorrow; and I cannot say how grateful I am for Your Highness's sympathies which have been a source of some real comfort in these days.For my revered father I am in a way glad, because he was overworking and giving his physical body no rest, so that he has now joy and peace such as is not possible on this earth. But what all his friends, and I who worked with him, will miss most terribly is that noble presence and beautiful voice to see and learn from which, was a joy not to be had anywhere else. I was greatly touched by Your Highness's kind enquiry and you will be glad to know that the end was as great as his life. He was working to the last and while talking to a head of department in the morning, in a district town, and lying in bed, he took a deep breath and closed his eyes. Such was his passing away, and I know Your Highness will be glad that it was so.

With regard to the question of formation of an alliance Your Highness has said that on consultation it has been found not possible because you find that in these days youngsters do not like things forced on them in such matters. I can fully appreciate this as I have had good deal of experience of it in relation to both the brothers of our Maharaja Saheb.

I hope Your Highness will permit me,however, to submit that in this case our young Prince had felt greatly attraced for, as he has told me, in Your Highness's daughter he met for the first time a young Indian lady of culture and refinement such as he had not seen before and which he admired so much.

In view of these sentiments and feelings he has expressed, I am taking the liberty of writing this, before communicating to him the position, to request whether there was any way in which the young Prince could have an opportunity of showing his personal worthiness. I am likely to go to Europe.

England this Summer when he will be going with me for, as Your Highness knows, he is working with me, and had also been in close touch with my father, in order to learn work so that he can be useful to His Highness in future, and as you know he is of a character and temperament that would compare favourably with Princes of his own age. His heart is touched really deeply.

There is one last humble request I would like to make and it is to submit that I have taken the liberty of writing this because of the innumerable kindnesses and considerations of regard that Your Highness has shown to my revered father and also to myself when I have had the privilege of seeing Your Highness and so Your Highness knows that I would not allow the love I bear to the Prince to influence me in writing in this matter as I have done for my respect and gratitude to Your Highness is equally great.

It was an honour and a pleasure to meet Your Highness in Bombay.

With best respect
I am
Your Highness's sincerely

Sd. A. P. Pattani.